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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN SALE OF 40 MM AMMUNITION TO UK

REF: STATE 81767

1. THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS NOW REPLIED  
OFFICIALLY TO OUR REQUEST OF 9 JULY THAT WE RECEIVE IN  
WRITING FROM HMG THE STANDARD THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER  
ASSURANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES  
ACT.

2. IN ITS COVERING LETTER THE FCO STATES THAT THEY HAVE  
"SLIGHTLY AMENDED THE FORMAT TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH  
THE STANDARD FCO LANGUAGE" AND THEY HOPE THAT "THIS WILL  
NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTIES". IN VIEW OF THIS WE QUOTE  
FULLY THE LANGUAGE OF THE ASSURANCES PROVIDED TO US:

"HM PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND  
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE  
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE  
HONOUR TO REFER TO THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE MINISTRY  
OF DEFENCE OF 1,600 ROUNDS OF 40 MM AMMUNITION FROM THE  
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA.

"IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE  
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA MAY PROCEED WITH THE SALE AND  
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THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATION

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT  
ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM HMG THAT IT WILL NOT  
TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENCE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER  
COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT  
FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

"ACCORDINGLY, ASSURANCE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
AMMUNITION WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO PURCHASE FROM THE  
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA WILL NOT BE TRANSFERED BY SALE,  
LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY  
OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-  
SATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN  
APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED  
STATES THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

"FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE  
"JULY 28, 1975"

3. ORIGINAL NOTE WITH COVERING LETTER BEING POUCHED TO  
DEPARTMENT.

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